GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067
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MORE POWER TO NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give more power to National Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Amnesty International has also recommended to give more power of NHRC;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far in this regard; and

(e) the time by which more power is likely to be given to NHRC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)to(e): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has suggested certain amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act 1993 for enhancement of powers of the Commission. The Amnesty International (AI) has also recommended to give more powers to NHRC. The Government has initiated action in the matter.